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SC Ag Council August Meeting

– focuses on water, features Certified SC Grown lunch

COLUMBIA, SC – July 30, 2008 – The quarterly meeting of the South Carolina Ag Council is scheduled to be held at the SC Farm Bureau, 724 Knox Abbot Drive, Cayce, SC, on Thursday, August 21, 2008. The topic will be “Water Quality and Water Uses.”

Water has historically been an abundant resource in South Carolina, but growth in the state’s population and a number of years of less than average rainfall have taken their toll on this precious resource. How will water be allocated in the future? What can be done to ensure enough water for South Carolina? Members and guests are invited to the meeting to hear the current thoughts on this issue. In addition, a brief update on the recently passed Farm Bill will be given.

The Ag Council is also taking the challenge to “Eat Local for a Day – the Certified South Carolina Grown Way.” Members and guests will be treated to a Certified South Carolina lunch at the meeting to celebrate Farmers Market Month in South Carolina. The lunch will be catered by The Farmer’s Shed in Lexington owned and operated by a full-time farm family.

Farmers markets are an integral part of the farm-city partnership, a linkage that is recognized and supported by the SC Ag Council. The lunch will be a fun way to learn more about where food comes from, how it is grown, and the connection with the farm community, particularly farmers markets.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. and concludes with the special Certified SC Grown lunch.

Friends and guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Anyone who has an interest in SC agriculture does not want to miss this enlightening and engaging meeting.

Deadline for advanced reservations of \$8 for Ag Council members is August 15, 2008. Registration for non-members or for anyone at the door is \$12 per person. The registration fee includes the special Certified SC Grown catered lunch.

To pre-register or for more information call, Steve Slice, Secretary-Treasurer, SC Ag Council, PO Box 2683, Columbia, SC 29201-26831, 803- 806-3843, or e-mail Steve.Slice@sc.usda.gov.

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